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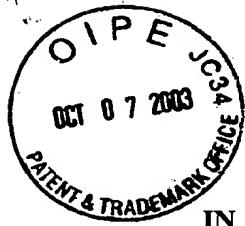
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page nine of this paper.

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

[] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

[] A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

[] Also enclosed is/are _____.

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[] Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

[] Applicant(s) previously submitted _____, on _____, for which continued examination is requested.

[] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

A total fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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